

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 14-36 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

I. Telephonic Interview

Applicants appreciate the indication from Examiner Dolinar on April 18, 2005, that this application would be allowable if claims 14-36 were canceled. As claims 14-36 are canceled, the application is in condition for allowance.

II. Correction of Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b)

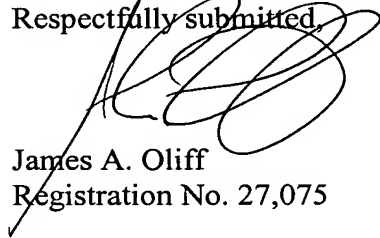
The cancellation of claims 14-36 has resulted in fewer than all of the currently named inventors being the actual inventors of the remaining claimed subject matter in this application. Therefore correction of inventorship is requested to delete the names of Shinji Usami, Masaru Kamiya and Yoshikazu Yokochi as named inventors in this application. Thus, only Takashi Senda, Tsutomu Nakamura and Masahiko Osada remain as the named inventors. A fee of \$130.00 is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i). Our check no. 166095 in the amount of \$130.00 is attached to cover this fee. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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